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LIT-TLE CHRIS' CHRIST-MAS PRES-ENT.

pres-ent?

in all the world, and Chris' came in-to her mind to do it. She want-ed to buy a big picture-book; she wanted to buy a gay set of nois-y bells, and a love-ly long train of cars to whizz back and forth a-long the floor; she wanted to buy a big doub-le arm-ful of pret-ty things, but she could not, for she had on-ly five cents to spend. And I can't be-gin to tell you what a hard Christ- had five hun-dred dol-lars to mas ache there was in her heart, for she longed to make her ro-sy-cheeked, lit-tle twoyear-old ba-by-boy as hap-py as the hap-pi-est.

Wнат do you sup-pose Ba- | She laughed right out, and by Chris had for a Christ-mas jumped up and kissed lit-tle Chris, and told him to sit still It was the cun-ning-est thing in his crib, and ran out and spent her five cents joy-ful-ly; mam-ma was so glad when it "for," said she, "he won't care for much else when he sees that!"

> As soon as Chris had gone to sleep, she got her workbasket and sat down to car-ry out her mer-ry plan; she sewed a long time on the lit-tle red frock he had taken off, smil-ing to her-self all the while, and when she went to bed she looked as hap-py as if she had spend.

> Well, when Chris was dressed next morn-ing, what do you think he found?

Why, there was a pock-et on But the day be-fore Christ- his red frock — a cun-ning, litmas, just at night, a bright, the out-side pock-et trimmed fun-ny thought came to her. | with braid and but-tons. Chris

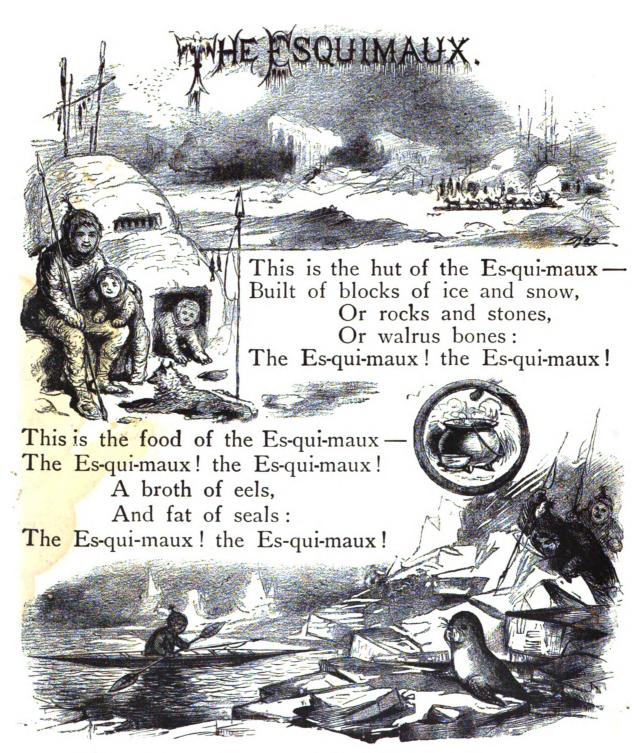
saw it at once, and though it | pock-et it-self; and I am sure was his first pock-et, the lit-tle Chris' mam-ma en-vied no othdim-pled hand went straight er wom-an in all the world down in-to it, and of course that day, when her lit-tle boy there were nuts and rai-sins came tod-dling up to her evand can-dy there, but these er-y few mo-ments, hold-ing up rare lit-tle daint-ies were noth- his dress — "See! See! Maming at all com-pared with the ma, O, do see!"

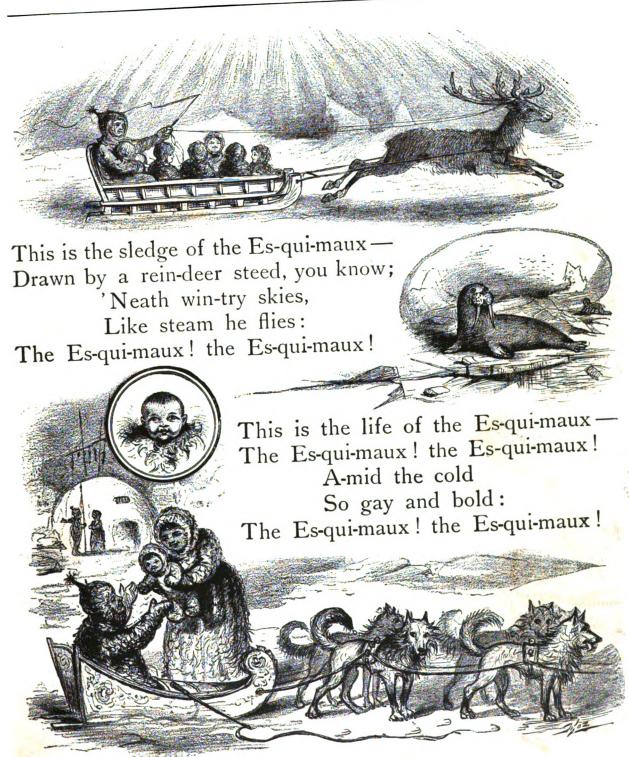


MER-RY CHRIST-MAS.

HERE's a love-ly snow-ball, round as round can be, Hard and white and shin-ing as any ball, you see; When lit-tle Ar-thur comes a-long, with cheeks so bright and red.

I'll wish him Merry Christ-mas, and shy it at his head!





WAL-TER'S FRIEND.

BY E. F. P.



His name was Gray.

He was small. He was spry. He liked to climb. He was sit-ting on the roof the first | sound-ed like this:

time Wal-ter saw him.

Wal-ter was up in the at-tic.

He liked to stand at the big win-dow and look out in-to the gold-en wal-nut tree and count the nuts.

When he saw Gray he called to him: "Look out! you will

slide off!"

But Gray hopped up in-to the tree. He ran a-bout a-mong the yel-low leaves. He picked off a nut.

Then he sat down on a limb to peel this nut.

While he nib-bled he looked at the boy in the win-dow, with two ver-y bright eyes.

"You will fall!" called Walter.

Gray laughed. His laugh

"Chir-r! chir-r-r!"

Then he leaped down and came a-cross the roof to-ward the win-dow.

Wal-ter thought he was coming in — but no; he was gone!

But the next day the two quick he could not hide.

saw each oth-er a-gain.

This time he showed Wal-ter how fast he could peel nuts; and ev-er-y time a nut was peeled Wal-ter thought he was com-ing to the win-dow with it. But when he was al-most there, he would mys-te-ri-ous-ly dis-ap-pear.

Wal-ter could never once see where he went.

One night there was a storm.
All the leaves fell. The trees
were left bare. There were
no more nuts. Lit-tle Gray,
too, was gone.

Wal-ter watched, but lit-tle Gray nev-er came back.

But one day when Wal-ter Wal-ter was up in the at-tic, he heard squir-rel.

a noise. It was like a laugh.

There stood Gray.

His bright eyes were full of fun, and he ran round be-hind a big chest of drawers.

Wal-ter came af-ter him so quick he could not hide.



WAL-TER'S FRIEND AT HOME.

So he made the best of it. He showed Wal-ter his nest in an old bas-ket, and his store of nuts, and al-so the hole un-der the win-dow where he went in and out.

Af-ter that they saw each other of-ten and had good times.

Wal-ter's friend was a gray squir-rel.



HAV-ING A GOOD TIME.



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LIT-TLE MISS DUCK.

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BY M. E. B.

LIT-TLE Miss Duck. By a piece of bad luck, Lost her dog Trus-ty a-while; She set up a scowling, She set up a howling, I think you could hear her a And this is the way she looked mile!

Lit-tle Miss Duck, By a piece of good luck, Found her dog Trus-ty a-gain; She washed and dressed him. She kissed and ca-ressed him. then!

AL-MOST A SAD STO-RY.

BY E. F. P.

Grand-pa and Grand-malthis lit-tle brown mouse had Hall lived all a-lone.

They had chick nor child, not ev-en a cat; and they didn't know there was e-ven so much as a mouse in the house.

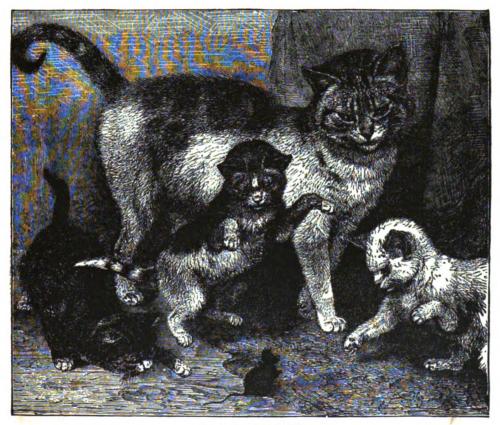
nev-er ev-en heard of a cat!

But one day the lit-tle granddaugh-ter, Beth, came to live with Grand-pa and Grandma Hall. She brought all But there was one, a lit-tle her birds and her dolls, and, fel-low with the lov-li-est brown a-las, all her cats; and the ver-y fur, that lived all by him-self | first night the cats — there were be-hind the win-dow cur-tain in four of them — came troop-ing the par-lor. He al-ways had had in-to the par-lor, and be-fore he a good time and al-ways ex-pect- could wink or think or ev-en ed to; for you must know that hold up his lit-tle pink paws in

as-ton-ish-ment, they had Mr. | qui-et-ly. Not so her three Mouse stand-ing up be-fore bois-ter-ous sons. them. All he could do was to hold up his paws and say, lit-tle brown mouse a-gain. "Please, please not to!" Old Mis-tress Cat looked on "Will!" said Spot-ty.

"O please not to!" said the

"Shall!" said Mid-night.



"O, PLEASE NOT TO!"

heart! - grand-ma ap-peared, and was nev-er seen or heard and the cats looked a-round — of a-gain—not by lit-tle Beth's and per-haps they thought that cats at least.

"Must!" said Snow-flake. as it was her mouse it wouldn't "That's what mice are for!" be po-lite. Be that as may, And then - well - bless her | Mous-ie ran out the o-pen door

THE BEAU-TY OF THE FAM-I-LY.

sure Lu-lu had hair as yel-low as sun-shine, and her cheeks were pink as ro-ses, and her



KIT-TY COL-BY.

eyes as blue as vi-o-lets; but Lu-lu had a way of look-ing frown-y o-ver her eggs and toast at break-fast that pre-vented her from be-ing a beau-ty.

Neith-er was it An-na.

IT was not Lu-lu. To be and lips were just the col-or of cher-ries; but An-na nev-er want-ed to do any-thing for anybod-y, and that, some way, had such an ef-fect up-on her looks that no-bod-y ev-er thought she was e-ven pret-ty, to say nothing of be-ing "a beau-ty."

It was Kit-ty.

Kit-ty was the Beau-ty of the fam-i-ly.

This Kit-ty had "light hair," and her eyes were of no par-ticu-lar col-or, and no dress-maker could fit her dump-ling lit-tle fig-ure. I don't say that she was gen-er-al-ly called the "beauty," but - well per-haps it was be-cause she was so rea-dy to "do things," and "to go," and to "give up," and be-cause she looked so glad and so hap-py all the time, that ev-e-ry-bod-y missed Kit-ty if they didn't see her the first thing when they An-na's eyes were as black came in-to the house; and all as black-ber-ries, and her cheeks the school-chil-dren said they

"liked Kit the best of all the | who was the Beau-ty of the Col-by girls. She was the Fam-i-ly, though you could pret-ti-est girl in school."

have found fault with her eyes Yes, it was o-blig-ing Kit-ty and her hair and com-plex-ion.

SO SLEEP-Y.

BY MRS. MA-RY L. WY-ATT.

"I'm so s'eep-y, s'eep-y, s'eep-y! | Nas-sy, hor-wid, old m'-las-ses! An' I want to go to bed — I'se dwinked my milk, and eat my cook-ie,

An' had 'las-ses on my bread.



SO SLEEP-Y.

O, my hands are *or-fu'* sticky, 'Spose my face is dir-ty too, 'Fwaid ma's gone for wa-ter — O dear me, what shall I do?

O. I wis' I hadn't touched it. 'Spose I ain't fit to be seen; There! I don't want to be clean.

Dear me suz, my eyes keep shut-tin',

Dess I'll take a 'it-tle nap; This nice rug is pret-ty comf'-ble.

Mos' as nice as mam-ma's lap."

Now she's nod-ding, and the kit-ty

Comes and laps her stick-y hand.

Mam-ma takes her sleep-y treasure.

Car-ries her off to baby-land.

THE STO-RY OF A RAB-BIT.

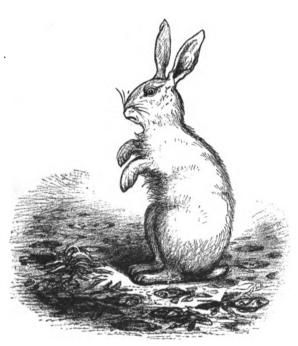
BY M. A. R.

This is a true sto-ry.

It is a-bout a hun-gry rabbit.

Once he be-longed to two lit-tle boys.

These lit-tle boys were ver-y



BUN-NY IS DIS-AP-POINT-ED IN HIS LUNCH.

fond of a lady who lived next door. So they gave her their hand-some white rab-bit.

This la-dy's lit-tle ba-by was

a-fraid of the rab-bit.

She was a-fraid of his long ears.

When she saw him she crept a-way as fast as she could.

The rabbit was a-fraid of the ba-by.

He had nev-er heard a ba-by cry be-fore.

When she cried he hopped a-way in-to a cor-ner and sat down and trem-bled.

He would not come out of the cor-ner un-til the ba-by was car-ried up-stairs.

One day the la-dy and the ba-by went a-way for a vis-it. They were to be gone all night.

They were so glad to go they nev-er thought a-bout the rab-bit.

They for-got that he would want his sup-per and his break-fast.

The rab-bit hopped a-bout

in the kitch-en all the fore-noon. | lor, where he nev-er had been He was glad the ba-by was be-fore. gone. He hopped and he leaped for joy.

In the af-ter-noon he was hun-gry.

He hopped out in-to the shed. His pan was emp-ty.

He was ver-y sor-ry his mistress had for-got-ten him.

He was lone-some and hungry when he went to sleep that night.

He was lone-some and hungry when he woke next morning.

the cor-ners. He hopped out in-to the shed to look once more.

But no, he could find no break-fast.

Then he hopped through into the sit-ting-room.

But there was no break-fast there.

It was not o-pen wide, but he as you would. pushed through into the par- | Please do not forget this.

He saw some-thing in this room that made him glad.

He saw break-fast. He saw plen-ty of break-fast.

His mis-tress had not for-gotten him.

The floor was covered with green leaves and flow-ers. They looked fresh and ten-der.

The rabbit thought he was in a gar-den.

He must have thought so, for when his mis-tress came home at night, she found the He hopped a-gain in-to all rab-bit had gnawed the leaves and flow-ers of the par-lor carpet.

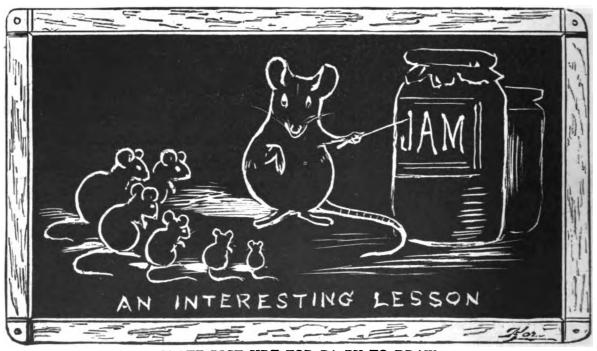
> She gave the rab-bit a-way and bought a new car-pet.

> Please re-mem-ber to leave some-thing for your pets to eat when you go a-way from home.

They want their reg-u-lar meals as much as you do, and He saw an-oth-er door o-pen. | they suf-fer from hun-ger just



HAV-ING A GOOD TIME.



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DOL-LY DOLE-FUL'S WAY.

TWO WAYS OF BE-ING WASHED.

BY KATE LAW-RENCE.

I. - DOL-LY DOLE-FUL'S WAY.

This is the way Dol-ly Doleful gets washed and dressed.

As soon as nurse says, "Come, Miss Dol-ly, it is time for you to be washed," she puts her back up a-gainst the wall.

It is of no use ei-ther to coax Dol-ly Dole-ful, or to scold her; so nurse ei-ther pulls her to the wash-ba-sin, or brings the wet sponge to her.

Which-ev-er she does, Dol-ly screams.

She cries all the time, as if the nice wa-ter would hurt her! She cov-ers her face with her stick-y lit-tle hands, and rubs them in-to her eyes. Then her face has to be washed all o-ver a-gain.

And then her hair! Dol-ly's hair curls, and if she would her ti-dy, as Dol-ly has.

be ver-y pret-ty. But nurse says she dreads to touch Dolly's hair.

Dol-ly puts both hands on the top of her head as soon as she sees nurse coming. When nurse comes to the tan-gles, she just roars. She says, "O!O! O! you pull my hair on pur-I'll tell mam-ma, so I pose! will."

She shakes her head so that nurse can-not make her curls look nice-ly.

When she is dressed she looks so cross and ug-ly that you would not wish to see her.

II. -MIN-NIE MER-RY'S WAY.

This is the way Min-nie Merry gets washed and dressed.

Min-nie has no nurse to keep have it kept nice-ly it would sis-ter Lou-ise takes care of her.

As soon as Min-nie gets up in the morn-ing, and as soon as she leaves the table, she runs to the wash-ba-sin. She does not like to have her face and hands dir-ty for one mo-ment.

"Now for a good bath!" she says.

She likes to have plen-ty of wa-ter in the ba-sin. She puts her hands in the cool wa-ter and lets them lie there. She takes the sponge and wash-es her cheeks and her ro-sy mouth.

Some-times she splash-es like a hap-py bird.

Then Lou-ise takes the sponge and wash-es her thorough-ly.

Min-nie says, "Put on plen-ty of wa-ter, Weed-y, dear; I love wa-ter."

hair.

Weed-y tries not to "pull."

When she comes to the tangles Min-nie laughs. If it hurts much, she makes a fun-ny | Min-nie's way?

lit-tle noise, "Ow! ow! ow!" but she laughs while she is making it.

Some-times she says, "O, you hurt me, Weed-y, dear, but I won't cry; laugh-ing is bet-ter than cry-ing, isn't it?

Some-times she says, "O, Weed-y, I don't know but I shall have to cry!"

Then Lou-ise combs her hair straight down o-ver her face and says, "Where is your nose?"

Min-nie says, "Lost a-mong the bush-es!"

Then Lou-ise parts it and says, "Where is it now?"

"Found a-mong the bush-es," says Min-nie; and she laughs mer-ri-ly.

Min-nie's hair doesn't curl, Then Weed-y combs her but when it is combed nice-ly, and tied back with rib-bons. she looks so sweet and fresh that it is a pleas-ure to see her.

Which is best, Dol-ly's or





A LIT-TLE RHYME OF A LIT-TLE MAID.

A lit-tle wind was blow-ing, blow-ing; A lit-tle rain was fall-ing in lit-tle drops a-down; A lit-tle maid was go-ing, go-ing, go-ing, A-cross a lit-tle mead-ow to reach a lit-tle town;

A lit-tle um-brel-la—brel-la—brel-la
She held with-in her lit-tle hand a-bove her lit-tle head;
And lit-tle Is-a-bel-la—bel-la—bel-la
Felt quite a lit-tle touch of pride to see the lit-tle spread.

She turned a lit-tle cor-ner, cor-ner, cor-ner, A lit-tle peal of thun-der made just a lit-tle flash, And be-fore I'd time to warn her, warn her, warn her, That lit-tle um-brel-la was just a lit-tle smash!

THE LIT-TLE BARNES BOYS.

ry and Her-bert, have no toys per and a piece of string make that cost o-ver five cents; but a good kite; a ball of yarn covyet the lit-tle Barnes boys are ered with an old glove makes a as hap-py as they can be.

The lit-tle Barnes boys, Har- | A few sticks and a news-pagood ball; and as for a ve-loc-



A FIRST-CLASS TEE TER.

and a board to lay a-cross it want are al-ways cross." — ah, such a cap-i-tal "tee-ter" as that makes!

"No mat-ter if we are poor," and we arn't cross!"

i-pede — is there not a stout | says Mam-ma Barnes, "chilplank bench at the back door, dren that have ev-er-y-thing they

> "No," say the Barnes boys, "we have ev-er-y-thing we want,

"KA-TY DID."



All the pleas-ant sum-mer day; Roved the fra-grant mead-ow o-ver,

Gath-er-ing tufts of sweet red clo-ver, —

Wan-dered to the riv-er brink.

Where the cat-tle stop to drink.

And (I know 'tis ver-y shock-ing!)

Quick-ly off came shoe and stocking,

First from one foot, then the oth-er—

Nev-er thought of minding mother—

And the wa-ter, cool and sweet.

Splashed a-bout her dimpled feet!

Hark! she hears a-cross the hill

Someone call-ing "Whippoor-will!"

And her stur-dy lit-tle shout

Ka-ty tossed the new-mown hay | Flings the ech-oes all a-bout: "No, it isn't — can't you see? 'Tisn't Will — 'tis on-ly me!" Truth, though sad, must not be hid —

All these things our Ka-ty did.

SU-SY'S CHOICE.

so white and clean, the oth-er in her eyes so lov-ing-ly. so brown and silky; two such And Su-sy could have the dear dogs - one barked beau- one she liked best! ti-ful-ly if e-ven a but-ter-fly

Two such nice dogs — one flew by, the oth-er looked up

" Which shall I take?" said



Su-sy, with danc-ing eyes.

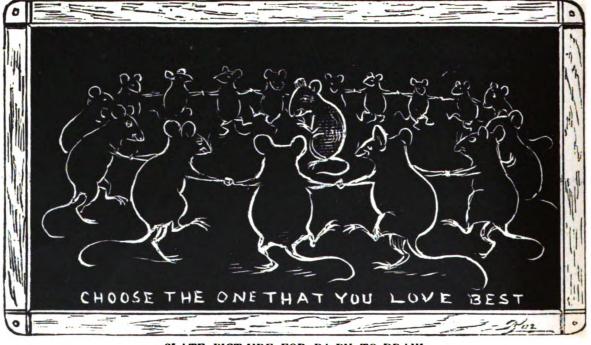
"I think you have cho-sen," the lov-ing eyes. said James.

paw of the lit-tle dog-gy with

Then James car-ried a-way Yes; though Su-sy didn't the oth-er dog be-fore Su-sy know it, she was hold-ing the had time to change her mind.



A MORN-ING RIDE.



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THE LIT-TLE MAN OF-ALL-WORK.

BY E. F. P.

the gar-den, has to take a great ma-ny "noon-ings." Ev-er-y now and then, when mam-ma looks out, she sees a lit-tle fellow with a red face, and his hat in his hand, come pant-ing a-long. He sits down on the old saw-horse in the shade of the morn-ing-glo-ry vines, and says, "I guess I shall have to take a noon-ing, mam-ma."

Little Ralph is mam-ma's man-of-all-work. In fact he is the on-ly man a-bout the place. So, of course, he has to do a great deal. Pos-i-tive-ly, mamma could not keep house without him one day, and she tells him so oft-en. He brings in bask-ets of chips for the fire; and he o-pens the ov-en door and looks in at the pies and cook-ies; and he shakes the boy?

Ju-ly days are long, hot days; table-cloth, and calls the doves and lit-tle Ralph, who digs in to come get the crumbs; and he puts the chairs in their places; and he brush-es up the hearth; and he eats the largest lumps of sug-ar so they will not trou-ble mam-ma in her cook-ing; and he picks out the rais-ins that are too big to put in the pud-ding; and he scares the hens out of the garden, and finds a great man-y eggs that they have hid-den a-way; and he tells mam-ma of the first rose-bud that o-pens; and he brings in the very first straw-ber-ry; and best of all he sleeps on her pil-low ever-y night, and wakes up ev-er-y morn-ing so smile-y, and sunshin-y, and talk-y, that she thinks she is the ver-y hap-piest wom-an in all the world.

> Isn't he a cap-i-tal lit-tle



Run fast as you can, O, lit-tle dog Ro-ver, Bring bos-sy cow back

Right out of the clover, For ba-by has tipped His bread-and-milk o-ver!

AD-DI-TION TA-BLE FOR LIT-TLE FOLKS.



The tale be-gins with one:

My pul-let in the sun
Is brush-ing up her feath-ers, e'er
Her day's work is be-gun.



One and one are two:

She proud-ly turns to view,

Safe hid with-in the co-sey nest,

An egg of snow-y hue.



One and two are three:

Dame Black and she a-gree,

That such an egg by mor-tal hen

Will nev-er e-qualled be.



One and three are four:
The roos-ter in the door
Crows loud, and to the ad-mir-ing crowd
Adds one spec-ta-tor more.



One and four are five:
Squire roos-ter makes a dive,
And o'er a long fat an-gle-worm
The whole as-sem-bly strive.

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One and five are six:

Lo! Carlo, full of tricks.

Comes scram-bling o'er the cook's wood-pile,

Up-set-ting all the sticks.



One and six are sev-en:

Brim-full of mis-chief's leav-en.

He wakes old Bose, and soon the flock

To the four winds are driv-en.



One and sev-en are eight:

Hear Tab-by soft-ly purr!

But as the cor-ner Car-lo turns

Her claws are in his fur.



One and eight are nine:

With one most dis-mal whine

He flies with Bose where pi-ty-ing Rose

Her clothes hangs on the line.



One and nine are ten:

Quoth he to old Bose, then,

"I'll nev-er sound, while Tab-by's round,

The call to war a-gain!"



WHAT THE LIT-TLE LEES DID.

There were four lit-tle Lee girls—An-nie Lee, Fan-nie Lee, Mi-na Lee, and Ni-na Lee; and these four lit-tle Lees al-ways rhymed and chimed to-geth-er, no mat-ter what they did, just like their names.

One chil-ly Oc-to-ber morning, when they ran out in the yard to play, all four of these rhym-ing and chim-ing and charm-ing lit-tle Lees, at the same moment, saw a bird. He was walk-ing a-long on the fence, and one of his wings hung down o-ver his bod-y in a queer way. He saw the four lit-tle Lees at the same time they saw him, and hopped down and tried to hop a-way.

- "Don't speak, and don't stir, and I'll catch him," said the lit-tle-est Lee Nina.
- "But ought you to catch a bird?" said Mina.

- "If she don't, the cat will," said An-nie.
- "That is so, for his wing is brok-en," said Fannie.

So the three eld-est lit-tle Lees stood still, and Ni-na stepped a-long soft-ly be-hind the bird, who in try-ing to hop fast-er tipped o-ver, and then Ni-na got him.

O, how soft he felt in her two hands! He flut-tered, but she held him fast in the lit-tle shel-ter. "Don't!" she said. "You are sick, lit-tle bird. Your mates have flown south. It will be fros-ty to-night, and you would freeze; be-sides, the cat would catch you."

They all went in to-geth-er to mam-ma, who shook her head o-ver the brok-en wing, and the long win-ter.

But Ni-na put him in a cage; and Mi-na brought him some crumbs; and An-nie brought

him some wa-ter and some Well, this bird-ie lived all seeds; and Fan-nie hung a win-ter. cloth o-ver the cage so that he would think it was night, and O, how loud he chirped when

sit down and keep quiet and spring came! But the lit-tle rest — per-haps sleep. Lees began to feel ver-y bad,

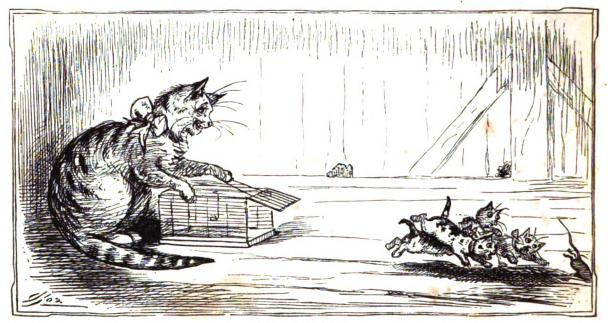


WHAT THEY DID WITH THE BIRD.

and each one went to the the cage, Ni-na looked at Mi-na head.

wings a whole hour a-gainst what they did!

win-dow and hung down her and An-nie looked at Fan-nie, and mam-ma looked at them And at last one warm day, all and smiled, and then -well, after the bird had beat-en his you can guess by the pict-ure



THE FIRST LES-SON.



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MAS-TER PAINT-BRUSH.

This sto-ry is a-bout a dear lit-tle fel-low whom his sis-ters "Mas-ter Paint-brush." His folks have all the paintings they want—so ma-ny that Mas-ter Paint-brush's mam-ma says they have to "hang them up on the floor;" and al-most all the books in the house have plates "col-ored by hand."

Mas-ter Paint-brush can paint a pict-ure in five min-utes, a-ny time. He can paint you a large sheep with a scar-let fleece while you stand look-ing on, and he can dash off a green goose in half that time—and such flocks of sky-blue ducks his wash-ing-still ev-er-y-bod-y sail-ing on old-gold ponds! in the house loves him.

You ought to see a pur-ple sun-set he paint-ed for his mam-ma, with a row of pink doves fly-ing a-long the sky! He paints cups and sau-cers like a lit-tle Jap-an-ese, and all the dolls in the house have each a set of choice hand-paint-ed chi-na.

Some-times Mas-ter Paintbrush is to be seen with a green cheek, and some-times with one of but-ter-cup yel-low; some-times he is dot-ted, sometimes he is striped, and oft-en he wears rain-bows; and al-ways it is a great deal of work to do



Tears in his eyes, Tears on his cheek! "Boo-hoo!" cried he. "My boots don't squeak! Boo-hoo!" cried he.



"KEEP-ING HOUSE."

A SONG OF SIX-PENCE.

"Sing a song of six-pence, A pock-et full of rye." some. So they could have a pie.

Sing a song, a brand-new song: | And when they'd filled their pock-ets full, Down in the field of rye, John and Jim-my both picked They found some cun-ning lit-tle birds,

To put in-to the pie.

Six pret-ty lit-tle hid-den nests,
Down in the yel-low rye,
Held four-and-twen-ty ba-by
birds,
E-nough to fill the pie.

Then
loo
And
And ba



THAT FAMOUS PIE!

They set them all with-in the dish,
Lined with a crust of rye;

But soon the four-and-twen-ty birds

Cried out in-side the pie.

Then Jim-my turned and looked at John,

And John took up the pie, And back the lit-tle lad-dies went

In-to the field of rye.

The moth-er bird flew up and shrieked,

"O, have you baked that pie?

How can you bring the cru-el dish,

And eat it in the rye!"

"No, no, they're all a-live," said
John—

And down they set the pie; The birds flew out and found their nests

Down in the yel-low rye.

So "sing a song of six-pence,
A pock-et full of rye;"
And how the dear-est lit-tle
boys
Gave up the fa-mous pie.

THE HIS-TO-RY OF NAN-CY LEE.

BY A. W. A.

black kit-ten named Nan-cy Nan-cy was-n't want-ed where she lived.

The cook was a big cross wom-an, who said she "did-n't want that good-for-noth-ing kitten a-round un-der her feet."

So she picked up a broom and scat-ted Nan-cy Lee out doors.

The poor kit-ten cried a-loud "Me-a-ow!" But that did-n't dry her soft fur. She was so fright-ened that she hid a-mong the bush-es for a long time.

After a while she raised her head and looked a-round for a friend. But she saw on-ly a big black bee-tle.

Then she jumped into the road, and sat down on the grass to smooth out her wet fur.

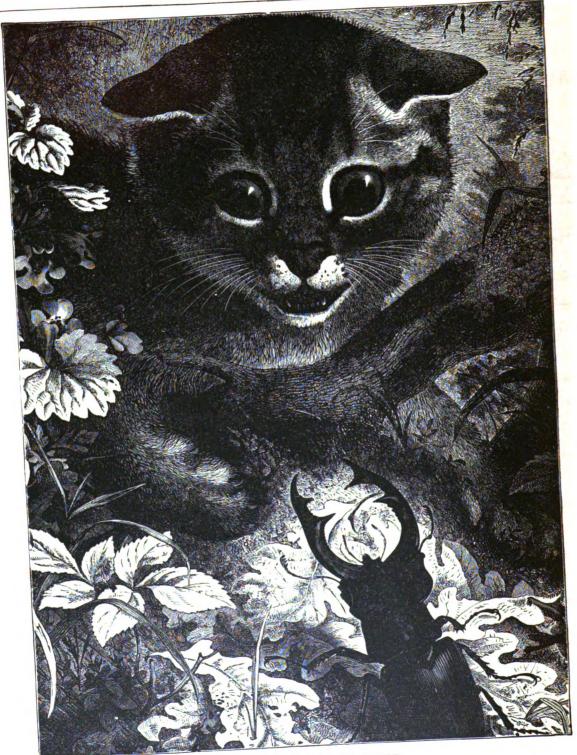
One time there was a lit-tle own lit-tle coat be-fore, for her moth-er had al-ways done it for her; but she was do-ing the best she could, when a-long came a big dog. And what do you think he did?

> Just as Nan-cy was go-ing up to him to ask him to let her warm her-self by him, he o-pened his big mouth and said, "B-r-r-r-r! bow! wow!"

> Oh! how Nan-cy Lee did run!

> Next she saw a large red cow. This cow was walk-ing a-long the road eating grass. The cow looked so nice and kind that Nan-cy ran and sat down right un-der her.

The cow did-n't drive her a-way, nor say "scat!" nor "bow! wow!" but still she was walk-ing a-long a lit-tle bit at a She had nev-er washed her time, and the kit-ten sat so close



NAN-CY LEE SEES THE BIG BLACK BEE-TLE.

dan-ger.

Just then a lit-tle girl with long yel-low hair looked out of the house near by.

"Oh, mam-ma!" said she, "out there's a lit-tle black kitten, sit-ting un-der a big cow. She looks so cold, poor thing! I'm 'fraid the cow will step on her! Look, mam-ma."

So the la-dy looked too, and saw them. She liked kit-tens as well as her lit-tle girl, but she did-n't want a-ny more, as they had three al-read-y.

Still the lit-tle girl begged hard to have the kit-ten brought in, and at last the la-dy went out and got her. The lit-tle girl took her lit-tle broom and brushed her, and then she sat by the warm stove and washed her rough dir-ty coat, while the la-dy went out and warmed some milk. She gave it to Nan-cy Lee in a teen-ty, ween-ty | teen-ty, ween-ty | lit-tle pan.

to her feet that she was in lit-tle pan, just big e-nough for her. Nancy drank just as fast as she could, and then had a lit-tle bit of Char-lotte Russe that the lit-tle girl was eat-ing. Was-n't that a fun-ny din-ner for Nan-cy?

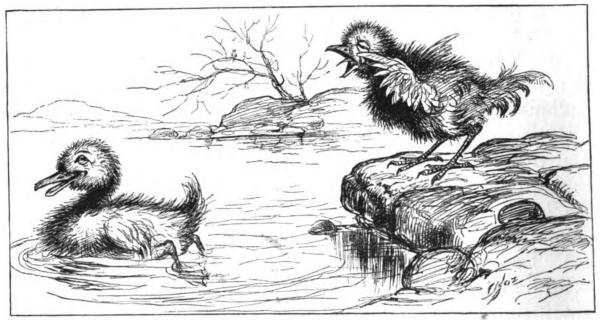
> Then Miss Lee be-gan to sing for the girl-ie. Did you know kit-tens could sing?

> She sang "P-r-r-r" so softly! The lit-tle girl laughed, and Nan-cy stopped.

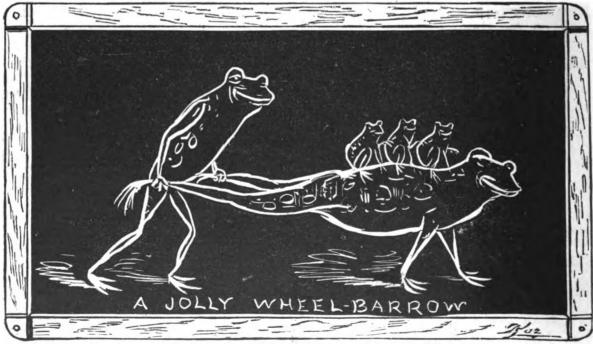
> Then the lit-tle girl said, "Mam-ma, she looks just as if her name was Nan-cy Lee. Now, kit-tie, if that's your name, sing more, but if 'tisn't, keep still."

> Then the kit-ten began a-gain, and purred and purred like ev-er-y-thing, and so they called her Nan-cy Lee.

> Nan-cy Lee still lives in her new home, and has all the new milk she can drink out of the



"COME BACK! I'LL TELL MOTH-ER!"



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DOT-TY AND DELL

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two lit-tle girls out of bed and sit-ting on the hall stairs!

How a-fraid they look!

What do you think it means?

There is no rea-son why little girls should be a-fraid in their own pa-pa's house.

Ah, Dot-ty and Dell, what if the lit-tle mouse in the cor-ner should tell what he heard said in the lit-tle white nurs-er-y bed!

What if the lit-tle mouse should tell that he heard Dot-ty say mam-ma was "fus-sy," because she would not let them go o-ver to aunt-ie's house and catch the meas-les!

What if the lit-tle mouse should say that Dell pro-posed they should run a-way to-morrow and go!

What if the lit-tle mouse lit-tle bed, and stole out to sit they came and sat on the stairs.

Ten o'clock at night, and on the light-ed stairs, be-cause they had talked so naught-y they were a-fraid of the pleasant fire-lit sleep-y dark.

> How sweet and kind mamma's voice sounds down in the par-lor!

> All at once Dot-ty feels sorry she said that naught-y word a-bout such a sweet mam-ma. She leans up and whis-pers to Dell.

> "I think we should be ev-er so wick-ed to run a-way and catch meas-les for mam-ma to doctor us!"

> "Let's not go," says lit-tle "An' too, we should Dell. be sick if we had the meas-les."

Then they hear pa-pa's latch key in the hall door, and they run back to bed, not a bit a-fraid an-y more. In ten minutes they are fast a-sleep. should give it as his o-pin-ion the lit-tle mouse don't tell, that they got a-fraid in their mam-ma will nev-er know how

"HOO-DLE-DUM."

BY K. T. W.

"Hoo-dle-dum" is a ba-by boy With the fat-test of lit-tle fat | He spares no pains, feet. And a gown of white With rib-bons red. And his cheeks are clean and sweet.

"Hoo-dle-dum"—that's his pa-pa's name For this pret-ty ba-by boy; He is ro-sy and red, With a curl-y head, And they called him "pa-pa's joy."

"Hoodle-dum" rides a gay, gay horse knee;

With whisk-ers for reins, And laughs in mer-ry glee.



"Ride, Hoo-dle-dum, ride," Calls pa-pa half in fun, "Ride far, and ride fast, Old Care will at last Sit-ting there on his pa-pa's Stop our jour-ney so well be-

THE STO-RY OF A GOOSE.

(Cop-ied from a Lit-tle School-Girl's Slate.)

man-y years a-go, there lived an where they are thick-est is a old gen-tle-man and la-dy all cove where the fish like to lie a-lone in this lit-tle square in the shade. house.



This house had one round win-dow in the mid-dle—as you can see.



It had al-so a queer ver-anda on the front, like this.



At quite a dis-tance from the house was a great pond full of fish, with an isl-and in the mid-dle.

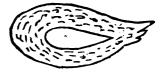
way it looked. The lit-tle this.

Once on a time, not a great | marks are fish-es and the place



South of the pond were two two small hous-es side by side. In each house lived three sisters — this is the way they looked.

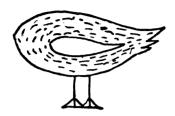




These sis-ters used to get their wa-ter from the pond and On a fine day this is the they went by two paths like

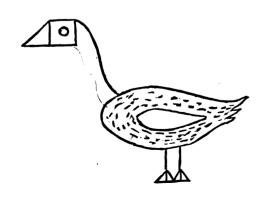
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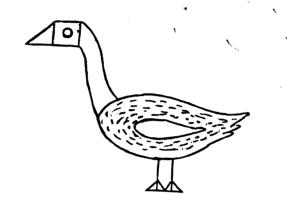
One day the old gen-tleman in the square house saw some boys and girls go down to the pond.

They were gone so long that he said to his wife, "My dear, I am go-ing to the pond to see what has be-come of those chil-dren. I am a-fraid they have fal-len in. He went from path like this:



After he had been gone GOOSE!"

time the old lad-y some felt a-larmed a-bout him and thought she would go too, so she went from the house down to the pond by an-oth-er path, like this:



Then they were all there; and the old gen-tle-man and la-dy looked at each oth-er, and the house to the pond by a they both smiled and blushed. The sis-ters looked at each oth-er, and they smiled and blushed al-so, and so the boys and girls, and then they all cried out to-gether in great, big cap-i-tal letters:

> "DEAR ME! IT NOTH-ING BUT

LIT-TLE GREY MOUSE.

BY S. E. F.

Mrs. Puss and her fam-i-ly | lit-tle fat mice chil-dren. had sev-en.

a-bout her. chil-dren the oth-er room.

She talked about Mas-ter Tom-my down stairs.

ers laid down at their door.

She talked a-bout those lit-lin-to the cor-ner. tle pieces of cheese hang-ing from those lit-tle wires in box-es.

She talked sad-ly of all the lit-tle grey mice who were not there now; and then she talked of mov-ing.

where there was dan-ger for with one sweep.

kept house in a gar-ret. Grey This morn-ing she told her Mouse and her fam-i-ly kept lit-tle Greys to re-main qui-et house there too. Mrs. Puss un-der the wall un-til she should had one daugh-ter. Grey re-turn. They must not ven-Mouse had four. She had ture out-side the door, nor touch the crack-ers and cheese. Ev-e-ry day she called her They must go to sleep in the She cor-ner, and when she came talked a-bout those gi-ants in back they should have some of Mas-ter Tom-mie's beechnuts.

Mice chil-dren prom-ised She talked a-bout the crack- with their lit-tle tails all curled up with fear, and ran a-way

> Then Grey Mouse start-ed on her jour-ney, right a-cross the great plain where live the gi-ants!

A might-y big bound from four great feet! Some lit-tle scam-pers from four lit-tle feet! Grey Mouse had trav-eled But Grey Mouse knows the much. She knew that ever-y road, and she is out of reach

She smiles se-rene-ly at the toes. great paw scratch-ing a-way un-der the door.

in the nurs-e-ry She darts crib!

She pauses to take breath. right a-cross her pret-ty pink

Grey Mouse at last finds a home for her lit-tle Greys. Then she meets Mas-ter | Far a-way from Mrs. Puss! Tom-mie in the kitch-en. He Far a-way from Mas-ter Tomstrikes at her with his long mie, and those fun-ny lit-tle whip. She sees ba-by Alice box-es, in a beau-ti-ful corn



ON-LY ONE CHILD LEFT!

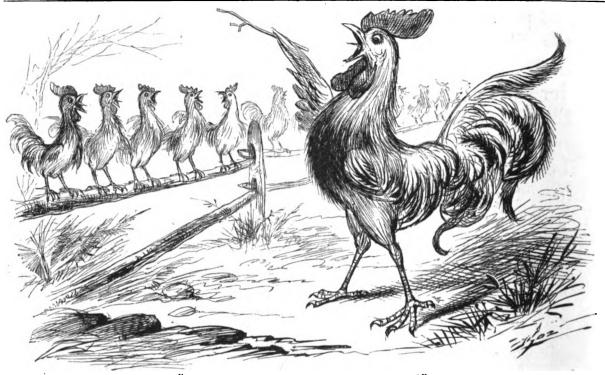
ri-ly sing-ing:

"Oh, a plen-ty of corn Al-ways pays! I'll go back a-gain, For my lit-tle Greys."

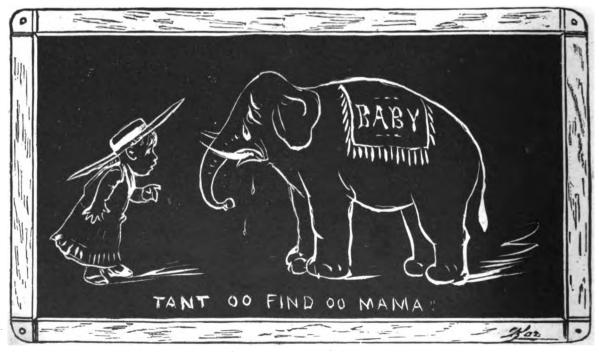
Greys? On-ly one in the for-ev-er.

Grey Mouse re-turns mer- emp-ty cor-ner tremb-ling and hid-ing a-way! Mrs. Puss and her daugh-ter frisk-ing in the sun-light! They look as though they had had a good meal!

Ver-y soft-ly Grey Mouse takes her one child in her But where were the lit-tle mouth and leaves the gar-ret



"NOW, ALL TO-GETH-ER -- COCK-A-DOO-DLE-DO-O-O!"



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CUT-TING OUT A FAI-RY RING.

A FAIR-Y RING.

to have a fair. Lit-tle Top-sy | But at last they thought of Keech had no wool-en stock- some-thing they could do. ings to wear to school in cold They could cut out things weath-er. Her ten lit-tle play- dolls and mon-keys and cats mates re-solved to hold a fair, and birds; and before they got just like big folks, and buy through they cut out a long Top-sy some warm stock- string of dolls, all "tak-ing ings.

were big e-nough to cro-chet a lady called it "a Fai-ry toi-lette sets, and paint cards, Ring," and it brought the highand make watch-ca-ses, and est prize of any-thing sold man-y oth-er pret-ty things at the fair, e-nough, all a-lone folks buy at fairs; but two of by it-self, to buy lit-tle Top-sy them were too small to do any- a pair of mit-tens.

Ten lit-tle girls were go-ing | thing at all with a nee-dle.

hold of hands."

Eight of the lit-tle girls It was so ver-y pret-ty that



am lit-tle Sum-mer. And I am on my way To a dis-tant coun-try To seek a pleas-ant day; But if I do not find it Be sure I shall not stay.

THE GAL-LANT AND TER-RI-BLE TIM Mc-NEIL.

BY M. E. B.



TIM MC-NEIL.

Say! In your walks did you chance to meet

A fel-low like this in Med-ford street?

to heel —

The gal-lant and ter-ri-ble Tim McNeil!

All your sto-ry books, true and un-true.

Are noth-ing at all to what he's been through;

Goose-flesh and shiv-ers will o-ver you steal,

At the won-der-ful sto-ries of Tim McNeil!

His heart and his eyes are I-rish blue.

He's a doub-le-dyed pa-tri-ot through and through,

He's brave as a li-on, and true as steel.—

Gen-u-ine I-rish from head to Hur-rah! for the ter-ri-ble Tim McNeil.

A MOUSE STO-RY.

plained that he could-n't sleep be-cause they nib-bled so, and and squeaked and scam-pered a-bout.

One night lit-tle Pe-ter-kin heard a ti-ny sound close to his ear. He o-pened his eyes. He saw a soft, grey creat-ure, a-bout three inch-es high, standing on the bed.

could hurt a boy, don't I? I lungs! If we don't com-plain have my own o-pin-ion of a I should ad-vise you not to!" boy's cour-age at night. But lit-tle Pe-ter-kin's mamno mat-ter — what I wish to ma thinks this is a dream.

Lit-tle Pe-ter-kin was a-fraid say is this: how do you supof mice. He oft-en com- pose we sleep day-times with a



"Now see here," it said, "I boy tramping a-bout and am a mouse! I look as if I shout-ing at the top of his

A GOOD REA-SON FOR WIN-TER.

His mit-tens are red, And so is his sled— Two ver-y good rea-sons you The ver-y first fall of the know.

Why a dear lit-tle boy Should ex-pect to en-joy snow.



THE CHARMS OF BA-BY.

What is bright-er than this-tle | What is blu-er than sum-mer down?

crown -This-tle-down will fly a-way, Ba-by's crown on his head will stay.

skies?

Ba-by's fine-spun gold-en Ba-by's great, sweet vi-o-let eyes —

> Sum-mer's blue turns in-to grey,

Ba-by s eyes smile ey-e-ry day. Digitized by GOOGLE

A VER-Y NAUGH-TY LIT-TLE GIRL.

BY S. E. F.

on her big sis-ter's hat and



A LIT-TLE RUN-A-WAY.

shawl o-ver her short dress and lit-tle bare legs, and nev-er wait-ed for break-fast at all!

This is the pict-ure of a her as fast as he could, but he naugh-ty lit-tle girl who ran could'n't catch her. Towser a-way from school. She put ran and barked, and he couldn't catch her. And all the chick-ens and rab-bits ran and hop-ped in the yard, and they could-n't catch her. mam-ma's sweet voice at the door could-n't bring the naughty lit-tle girl back.

This naugh-ty lit-tle girl had nev-er been to school. but on and on she ran and ran to find the school, all a-lone. At last the lit-tle feet be-gan to ache from so much run-ning, and she could-n't find the big house with the lit-tle girls play-ing in the yard.

And then — oh, oh, two big tears rolled down o-ver the brown lit-tle cheeks and fell right down on the ground before her. Then they came Broth-er John-nie ran af-ter fast-er and fast-er un-til she sat

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down on the green grass and with her two chub-by lit-tle hands.

Then she for-got to cry a-ny more and went to sleep and dreamed she was lost. She dreamed she was a lit-tle beggar girl sit-ting out in a great snow storm. She dreamed that mam-ma cried and pa-pa cried and Tow-zer cried and Bun-nie ran in-to his cor-ner and hid his face way down in the straw and cried and they all be-gan to cry loud-er and loud-er till she thought all the world was mak-ing a loud noise; and all the while she sat there a poor lit-tle beg-gar girl, barehead-ed and bare-foot-ed in the snow storm.

. All at once she o-pened her tried to cov-er her face all o-ver | eyes and there was big shag-gy Tow-zer com-ing af-ter her with great bounds and barks, and, be-hind him, broth-er

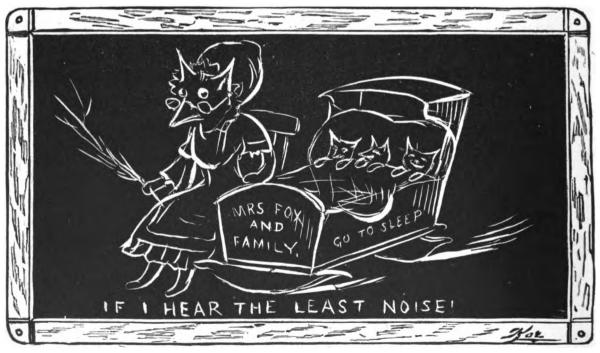


John-ie to carry her back home. She was ver-y glad to go home with them to mam-ma. de-ter-mined nev-er, nev-er, to run a-way a-gain.

They talked and they talked, By the hour to-geth-er: "Fine weath-er!" said he, And she said, "Fine weath-er!" Digitized by GOOGLE



THESE CHIL-DREN HAVE BEEN TO THE CIR-CUS.



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PAR BANGE

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AN-OTH-ER BA-BY MOST LIKE ME!

THE PUZ-ZLED BA-BY.

I am a ba-by.

But I don't want you to ing at all.

I am an old ba-by. I am al-most ten months old!

I have a cous-in who is on-ly nine weeks old. The lit-tle goose don't know how to get his toes in his mouth.

He can't do a-ny-thing but lie and suck his fists. And he can't do e-ven that with an-y sort of style!

He al-most knocks out his eyes, and bangs his nose, trying to aim for his mouth.

Fists are well e-nough when you can't have toes or your mam-ma's watch.

The oth-er day he tried for an hour to get both fists in-to his mouth at once.

I know all a-bout that. I know it can't be done.

But I don't know why it

can't be done. I wish I did.

I nev-er could make up my think I am one of those lit-tle mind wheth-er it is be-cause bits of things who know noth- the fists are too large or the mouth too small.

> This is a great puz-zle to me.

> There are some oth-er things that puz-zle me.

> Ev-er-y day my mam-ma comes to the nurs-er-y.

> She picks me up and hugs me and kiss-es me and convers-es with me.

> Con-verse is a grown-up word which means ver-y nice talk.

> She says: "'Oo is de cunning-est, sweet-est it-tle sing in de whole world!"

Then I say: "Yah-yah, yat so."

"Dere isn't a-nud-der ba-by like'oo an-y-where! Not one!"

And I an-swer: "Ah goo. Da-da."

That's the way to con-verse.

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much like that.

that puz-zles me.

She car-ries me to her looking glass, and what do you think I see there?

A ba-by just like me!

hands ex-act-ly like mine.

When I laugh, he laughs, a tap with my fist he tries to it. Men know ev-er-y-thing. give me one, but mam-ma won't let us fight.

When-ev-er I look for him in | They al-ways do.

We al-ways con-verse ver-y the glass he's al-ways there.

The oth-er day nurse car-But there's an-oth-er thing ried me to the par-lor and let me look in-to the great glass with gold and lace a-bout it.

> I saw a ba-by in there, too! That makes two just like me!

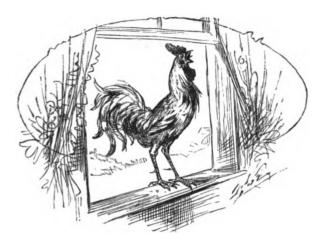
I can't un-der-stand it at all. It is a sol-emn fact! Eyes for I know my dear pret-ty and nose and mouth and mam-ma would not tell a lie. This is the worst puz-zle of all.

Some day I shall be a man, and when I want to give him and then I'll know all a-bout

> Ev-er-y-bod-y was a ba-by once, but they all got o-ver it.



BOB-BY'S NEW PLAY-FEL-LOW.



Chan-ti-cleer flut-ters and flaps his wings;

One, two, three, then up he springs,

Opens his mouth, and, oh! oh! oh!

"Yer—urr—urrr!" just hear him crow.

PET-TUMS' KISS.

dain-ty night-gown,

Just read-y to go to her white "'Tis time now, to kiss me lit-tle nest.

We'd been hav-ing the jol-li-So she put up her lips as I est frol-ic in town:

rest:

Fair Pet-tums was robed in her | "Come! Pet-tums," I said to that rogue of a miss,

good-night."

thought for a kiss,

And now I will tell you the But in-stead, she just gave me - a hite!

> Look at my ba-by Sound a-sleep! You nev-er would think How fast she can creep, Or how cun-ning and sly She will hide and peep!



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THE ROGUE OF THE HOUSE-HOLD.



when they want to, and sis-ter stand it!

H, I don't think | Anna goes to the cake clos-et it is fair to call when she wants a piece of me the rogue cake, and they all pick flow-ers of the house- any time. But if I get cake hold! I on-ly or jam, my-self, or have the do what big books on the centre table, or folks do. Mam- pick a po-sy — why then I am ma and pa-pa look at books such a rogue! I don't un-der-

DREAD-ING WIN-TER.

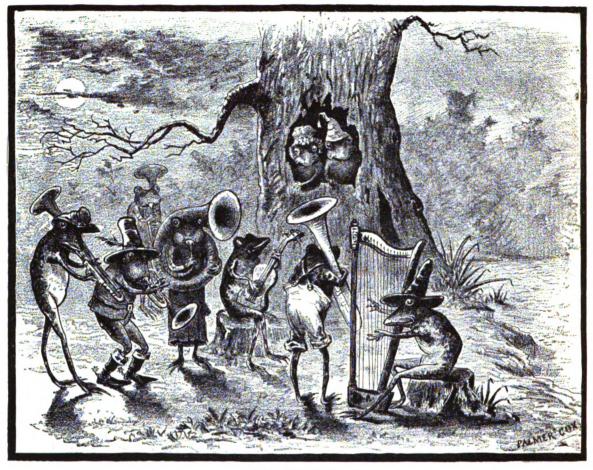


We're two lit-tle birds As sor-ry as can be That win-ter is com-ing, For don't you see

In the great snow-storms There'll be naught to eat In field, or gard-en, In yard, or street?

If we were chil-dren And you were birds, We'd set-tle this mat-ter With no more words.

If we had the loaves. You should have crumbs — Remember this, dears. When the wild snow comes!



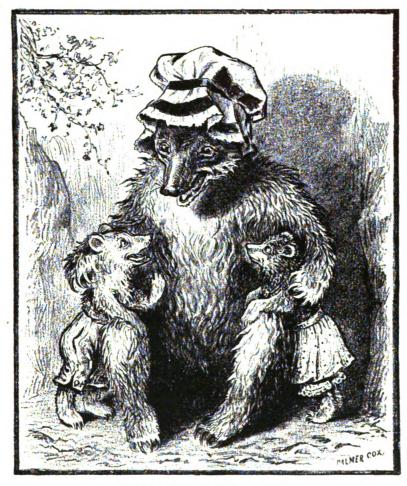
THE SER-E-NADE.

PEEPS IN-TO A HOL-LOW TREE.—PEEP I.

had that ver-y day moved in-to world was heard all a-round the their new home.

The home had been put | They ran to the door, and in-to or-der, the tea-dish-es | be-hold! there were the young washed, and Mrs. Frog sat folks of the neigh-bor-hood fan-ning her-self with a cool come to give them a friend-ly green lil-y-pad. All at once the ser-e-nade of wel-come.

Young Mr. and Mrs. Frog | sweet-est band of mu-sic in the house.



MAM-MA BEAR TELL-ING STO-RIES.

PEEPS IN TO A HOL-LOW TREE.—PEEP II.

home. It had a bay-win-dow when-ev-er they woke up. and a front-yard, and in-side it was very roomy.

glad when win-ter came. Then win-ter naps.

Mam-ma Bear had chos-en a Mam-ma Bear staid at home all ver-y nice hol-low tree for her the time and told them sto-ries

They were very sor-ry for lit-tle boys and girls who live Her lit-tle boy and girl were in hous-es, and have no long



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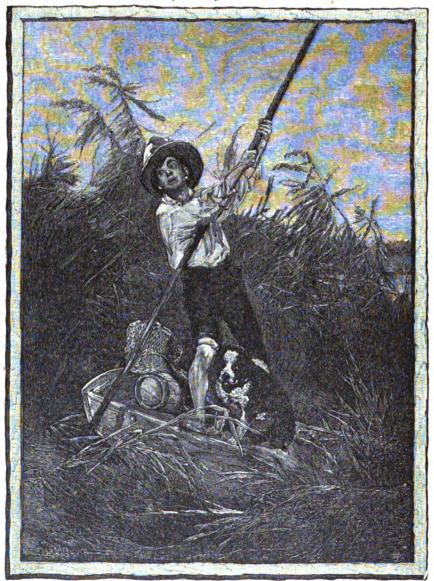
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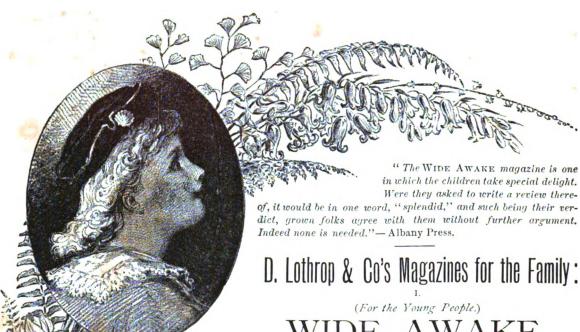
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